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Based on unofficial numbers Tuesday

Tim Johnson wins election to be next mayor of Elba

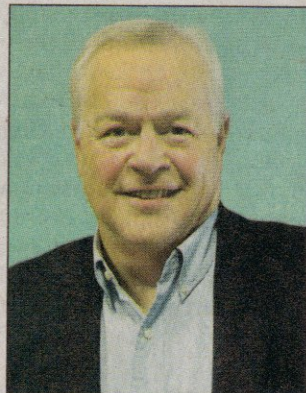
With over 700 votes cast in the 2025 Elba Municipal Election this Tuesday, Aug. 26, the unofficial results showed Tim Johnson as the clear winner for mayor.

On Tuesday, Johnson received 459 of 712 votes while Carlos Magwood received 223 votes, and Marty Tarey received 26 votes. As of press time, the absentee ballot numbers had not been added to the totals, but there were reportedly less than 30 absentee ballots, and those were not expected to change the outcome of the race.

Also, between Tuesday night and next Tuesday, Sept. 2, any provisional ballots cast on Tuesday will be checked and verified to see if they count as well.

The Elba City Council will hold a special called meeting Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 12 noon to canvass the election results and certify them as official for the 2025 Municipal Election.

In the council member races, the Tuesday only vote showed District One incumbent Johnathan Lockett with 94 votes and challenger Tom G. Hooks with 63 votes. It appeared



Based on Tuesday's election numbers, Tim Johnson will be Elba's next mayor.

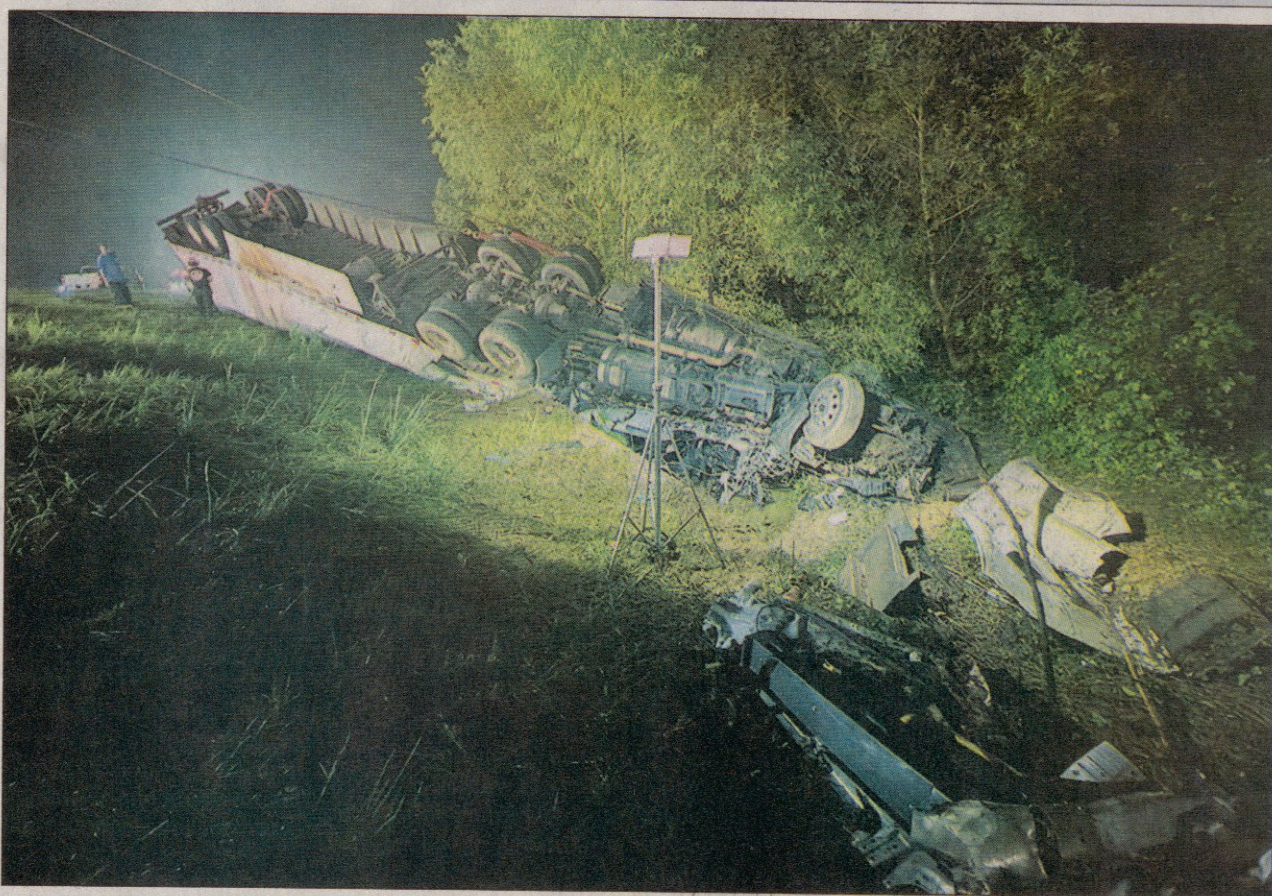
Lockett would be re-elected to his seat on the council.

For District Two, the Tuesday votes cast went to incumbent Gappa Wise with 148 votes. His challenger, Aaron Pope, received 71 votes. Again, it appeared Wise would be re-elected.

For District Three, incumbent Jane Brunson appeared to have been defeated by challenger Christy Laramore. Laramore received 95 votes Tuesday while Brunson received 38 votes.

In District Four, Tim

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Truck driver killed Friday night in single vehicle accident

At approximately 11:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, local first responders were dispatched to a single-vehicle motor-vehicle crash involving a semi-truck on U.S. Highway 84 west of Elba, near the city-limits sign.

Officials said the vehicle left the roadway and came to rest inverted down an embankment in a creek.

The driver, Robert Lane Fennell, of Troy, Ala., was pronounced deceased on the scene.

Multiple agencies responded and provided assistance, including Elba Fire Department, Opp Fire Department, Dothan Fire Department (HazMat Team),

Coffee County Emergency Management Agency, New Brockton Fire Department, Enterprise Rescue, the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), Kevin Goodyear Towing and other supporting partners.

It took several hours to

clear the scene due to the nature of the accident.

"This is a tragic incident, and we ask the community to keep the family and friends of Mr. Fennell in your prayers as they navigate this unexpected loss," said Arnold Woodham, Coffee County Coroner.



Elba Library improves accessibility with automatic doors

The Elba Public Library announces the completion of new automatic door installations, made possible through a \$10,000 Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities grant from the American Library Association.

The library's big, beautiful doors are a welcoming feature, but for many seniors and individuals with mobility challenges, they were also sometimes hard to manage. Thanks to the new automatic opening mechanisms, those doors are now easier and safer for everyone to use.

The grant also provides funding for new signage and materials to support senior

adult programming at the library. To determine local needs, the library hosted a Community Conversation with residents living with disabilities, ensuring that improvements reflect the voices of those who will benefit most.

"We are thrilled to make our library more welcoming and accessible for all," said Library Director Jennifer Amlong. "These changes will make a real difference for our senior patrons and anyone who has struggled with the heavy doors in the past. In addition, we are excited to be providing more opportunities for Senior programming in the future and hope to continue to partner with local Senior Centers. Carolyn Hocutt does a great job visiting the centers and also serves as our 'Books on Wheels' coordinator. If you or a loved one would like to have books delivered, we encourage you to give us a call."

The Elba Public Library invites the community to stop by, enjoy the new upgrades, and discover all the resources and programs available.

Area Happenings

Football games Friday night, Aug. 29, include Elba traveling to Smiths Station to take on Glenwood, Kingston hosting Geneva County, Zion Chapel hosting Ellwood Christian Academy, New Brockton hosting Slocomb, and Brantley hosting Luverne. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

City of Elba offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, in observance of Labor Day.

The Elba JV Tigers will host Brantley at Tiger Stadium Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 6 p.m.

The Evergreen Cemetery Board will meet Thursday, Sept. 4, at 6 p.m. at Elba City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

The Elba Planning and Zoning Board will have a public hearing Sept. 8, 2025, at 7:30 a.m., with a meeting immediately following at 7:45 a.m. to discuss an application for rezoning a property on Reese Avenue in Elba.



LITTLE MISS COFFEE COUNTY ROSEMARY WALTERS visited the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday morning, Aug. 25, where she presented commissioners with color books promoting her platform for the Little Miss National Peanut Festival program. Rosemary is pictured above with the Coffee County Commissioners.

Score big with safety this Labor Day weekend

As Alabamians across the state prepare to celebrate Labor Day weekend and cheer on their favorite teams during the first big weekend of college football, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) reminds everyone to "Score Big with Safety" — both on the road and on the water.

Troopers assigned to ALEA's Highway Patrol and Marine Patrol Divisions will be actively patrolling

and participating in high-visibility details to ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday for all motorists and boaters.

This includes enhanced patrols on Alabama's roadways and waterways to deter dangerous driving and boating behaviors. ALEA's Highway Patrol Division has already kicked off the Labor Day travel period by conducting Driver License checkpoints and Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) operations, which will continue through Monday, Sept. 1.

"Labor Day is traditionally one of the busiest weekends on our roads and waterways, and with the beginning of football season, excitement will be at an all-time high," ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said. "We want everyone to start the season with a win by making smart choices. Please buckle up, drive sober and stay alert so you can enjoy the holiday safely and responsibly."

Roadway Safety Tips:
• Celebrate the Win, Not a DUI Loss: If you plan on consuming alcoholic beverages, make a winning play and plan for a safe ride before kickoff.
• Be the Most Valuable Passenger and Buckle Up: Seat belts save lives — so

make sure everyone in the vehicle is buckled up, no matter how long or short the drive.

• Don't Get a Personal Foul — Put the Phone Down: Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

• No Tailgating on the Road: Keep the tailgating fun at the stadium, not on the highway. Allow extra time for heavy traffic and avoid aggressive driving.

Waterway Safety Tips:
• Stay in Bounds: Know the rules of the water before you launch and know the No-Wake zones.

• Wear Your Personal Flotation Device (PFD): It's your best defense against an unexpected tackle from rough waters.

• Boat Sober: Just like on the road, alcohol and boating don't mix.

• Keep Your Head in the Game and Pay Attention: Watch for other vessels, paddleboarders, swimmers, and changing weather conditions. "Pop-up" thunderstorms are common in Alabama during the summer months due to the

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EDITORIAL



The Elba Lion's Club recently welcomed guest speaker Rev. DaQuarius Green, pastor of Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church. His message was to encourage members to remain involved in the community. In conclusion, his powerful message was that life is not what we get - but what we give , and that we lead our community by serving others.

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, August 19, through Monday, August 25, 2025, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, August 19 – Suspicious person reported at Taylor Mill Rd/Country Club Way (5:54a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1125 Reese Ave (10:20 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1232 Ann St (11:29 a.m.) Noise complaint reported at 737 Williams Ave (9:15 p.m.). Eleven traffic stops that resulted in six written warnings and five citations.

Wednesday, August 20 – Animal complaint reported at 2721 Marilyn St (12:24 p.m.). Six traffic stops that resulted in five verbal warnings and one written warning.

Thursday, August 21 – Suspicious person reported at 221 Davis St W (8:09 a.m.); Noise complaint reported at 516 Williams Ave (11:51 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 804 Hwy 203 (2:22 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 804 Hwy 203 (2:46 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 877 Hwy 203 (8:45 p.m.). Two traf-

fic stops that resulted in one verbal warning and one written warning.

Friday, August 22 – Animal complaint reported at 1425 Martin Luther King Dr (9:32 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 866 Cedar Lane Dr (11:15 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at Adams Ave/Stoudemire St (1:31 p.m.); Hit and run reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (3:50 p.m.); Motor vehicle crash reported at 14305 Hwy 84 (5:08 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 620 N Troy Hwy (9:43 p.m.); Motor vehicle crash reported at Old Curtis Rd/Hwy 84 (11:14 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in four verbal warnings and one citation.

Saturday, August 23 – Verbal altercation reported at 1761 County Rd 349 (12:26 a.m.); Damage property reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (7:01 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning and one citation.

Sunday, August 24 – Verbal altercation reported at 100 Beaver Dam St (3:08 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 441 Tiger Dr (11:21 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (1:55 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, two

written warning and one citation.

Monday, August 25 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 990 Hwy 203 (3:30 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1425 Martin Luther King Dr (11:47 a.m.); Animal complain reported at 745 Williams Ave S (4:12 p.m.); Unauthorized use of motor

vehicle reported at 1579 Caroline St (7:02 p.m.); Shots fired reported at 1668 Claxton Ave N (7:10 p.m.); Unauthorized use of motor vehicle reported at 1579 Caroline St (7:25 p.m.). Two traffic stops that resulted in one verbal warning and one written warning.



Cuzin Lou Lou's
Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou apologizes for her absence the past few weeks. As predicted, she finally took things a bit too far with Sister one day, which resulted in a time of recovery!

No...not really! The real excuse is that Lou Lou had some pretty big projects going at the office, and she just needed to take a little break to get those things caught up.

Now, that is not to say that Lou Lou hasn't done a really good job the past few weeks of continuing to aggravate Sister...it just means that Sister continues to be patient and a good sport! All those rooting for the day that Sister finally snaps... just keep hanging in there!!

For a few months now, Sister's blood sugar levels had been running at normal levels, and she was celebrating that small victory. Well...she apparently celebrated a wee-bit too much because earlier this week, she discovered those levels were on the rise again.

"I just can't figure out what is going on," Sister said one evening to Lou Lou.

After a few minutes of reflection, Lou Lou came up with the answer. It was definitely not what Sister wanted to hear, however.

"Well...it could be all those sugary iced coffee drinks you have been mixing the past few days," Lou Lou reminded Sister. "I mean you have had at least one every day for the past three to four days."

Sister sat there for a moment not saying anything

thing. Then, a little smile came across her face.

"You may be right," she admitted...grudgingly.

Score one for Lou Lou! Now, that was not the only time the past week that Sister got "got" even though she tries to forget such things.

In a conversation with some folks the other evening, Sister noted that it would be great to have more recreational activities for folks her age in good 'ole Yonder. The person she was speaking with started mentioning activities like pickleball and other outdoor activities.

"Slow down!" was Sister's response to that. "All those things require getting hot and sweaty! I didn't mean anything like that."

What in the name of Yonder?!?!?

Lou Lou walked up on the conversation and was brought up to speed by the other person.

"Yeah...when Sister talks about recreation, that is all she is doing," Lou Lou said. "She likes the idea of recreational activities. She just doesn't like the physical activity that goes along with it!"

"Hush!" was Sister reply to Lou Lou.

Good news is, however, another person in on the conversation recommended yoga. Now, that might be something even Sister could enjoy! Well...as long as it does not require too much work!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Publisher

We hosted a candidate forum last Thursday evening for the Elba Municipal Election candidates, and we were pleased with the turnout for the event. This was designed to be an opportunity to bring the candidates and voters [and other interested persons] together and give the candidates an open forum to sway the voters their way. Almost all candidates participated, and we were thankful to them for their participation. As we said that night, anyone willing to put his/her name in the hat to seek election to serve as a public official should be commended. It is not an easy thing to do. We are grateful there are those out there willing to take on the tasks. Often these folks hear more ridicule than praise. So, we wanted to be the first to say 'thank you' to all.

Monday night, we traveled to Straughn to take pictures and cover the Elba Junior Varsity football game. We didn't consider this to be anything unusual. We were just doing our job. Upon entering the gate at the venue, the ladies selling tickets noted how impressed they were that the newspaper was covering a junior varsity game. The ladies even thanked us for our willingness to do such a thing. As we walked away, we just smiled and went on about the business at hand. Well...a short while later, we were talking with Elba High School principal Jermaine Shakespeare, and he too said made mention of it being unusual for the local newspaper to cover JV sports. Our response was simple...we do here in Elba, Alabama. We may not be able to be at every game or event, but we do try to be at as many as our schedule allows. Why? Because that is what being a community newspaper is all about, and we love our community.

The members of the Elba Board of Education received recognition earlier this week at the Alabama Association of School Boards Fall District Three meeting for being the only board in the district to receive the 'team training achievement' award. We too want to acknowledge these board members for putting in the time together to get whole board training. It is through training that board members work to have the best understanding possible for their job. While we have proven that we will criticize the board for things we feel they need criticizing for, we also want to be among the first to congratulate them on a job well done. We feel this is something they should be congratulated on now. If they are doing what they can to be the board the school system deserves, we must support them in those efforts. Well done, Elba Board of Education.

We were pleased Sunday afternoon to see such a good turnout for the Prayer Walk for Schools at Elba City Schools. Over 100 people of varying denominations gathered with one goal...to pray for our schools, students, teachers, administrators, and anyone who enters the campus this school year. We too join in that prayer in noting that we hope all are kept safe, that it will be a great school year for all, and that in all that is done, it is done to glorify our Lord. Several years ago when we first started attending the Prayer Walk for Schools event, the crowd was more like 20-30 people. We have been pleasantly pleased to see it continue to grow each year as more and more come together to pray for the schools!



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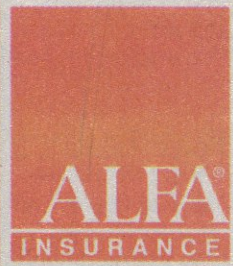
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- The Evergreen Cemetery Board will meet Thursday, Sept. 4, at 6 p.m. at Elba City Hall.



New Hope Senior Center seniors dined Friday, Aug. 22, at Fried Tomatoes in Montgomery, Ala. It's a southern buffet with great food and awesome hospitality! If ever in the area and dine there, ask for Sue. She's the best!! The seniors enjoyed laughter and conversation there and back. This was a fantastic Friday for the senior family and the smiles show it!

Locals make Troy's Chancellor's List for Summer Semester

Troy University recently announced students who have been named to the Chancellor's List for the summer semester and Term 5 of the 2024-2025 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor's List.

Local students who made Chancellor's List include: Chara Bullard of Elba; Kortney McKenzie of Jack; and Drew Roberts of New Brockton.

Lolley named to Provost's List at Troy University

Madison Lolley of Kinston has been named to the Provost's List at Troy University for the summer semester/Term 5 of the 2024-2025 academic year.

The Provost's List honors full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who have a grade point average of at least 3.65.

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Hudson received the majority votes on Tuesday. He had 50 votes while Will Love had 26 votes.

The race for District Five council person was too close to call Tuesday. The votes cast in person Tuesday had the candidates, incumbent A R Williams and challenger Kaye Ellis tied with 57 each. While the addition of the absentee votes was expected to identify a front-runner, officials said the race would still be too close to call before the provisionals were checked.

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Jodie Williams, the volunteer coordinator for Enhabit Home Health and Hospice of Enterprise, was a recent guest speaker at the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise. She spoke about the criteria for becoming a patient of this program and about the benefits that Medicare will provide through Enhabit. Enhabit provides companionship and support to patients during their final months and weeks of life. Williams stressed the need for volunteers that help meet this need. Currently she has 45 clients participating and informed us of the different ways in which we could help both the patient and the caregivers, as well as clerical in-office assistance, providing Christmas bags for clients, or crocheting afghans for them. All volunteers are vetted. Pictured are from left Jodie Williams, guest speaker, and Gina Oates, LPCE President-Elect.

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Obituaries

TAMMY LOU DAVIS

Ms. Tammy Lou Davis, age 66, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2025, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.



Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is assisting the Davis family with arrangements.

Survivors include her daughters: Heather (Ben) Sharpe, Enterprise, and Hillary (Kyle) Kirkland, Andalusia, Ala.; sisters: Dorothy Ray, Anniston, Ala., Peggy Hicks, Au-

burndale, Fla., and Vicky Webester, Knoxville, Tenn.; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

EDWARD WALLACE

Mr. Edward Wallace, age 80, of Enterprise (Goodman Community), died Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at his residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.



SAFETY (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

intense heat and humidity.

To enhance safety in Alabama's coastal areas, ALEA will also deploy its helicopter for the annual Rescue Swimmer Detail, a life-saving operation in coordination with Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Fire Departments. ALEA's aircraft will patrol the Gulf Coast, flying and deploying rescue swimmers to distressed individuals in the water. These highly trained rescue swimmers will be ready to respond to emergencies, ensuring everyone stays safe while enjoying Alabama's beaches. The aircraft will also monitor areas not

covered by lifeguards.

"Our mission is to keep every individual safe, whether you're traveling to a tailgate, cruising on a boat or enjoying the beach," said Colonel Jonathan Archer, Director of ALEA's Department of Public Safety (DPS). "We urge everyone to play it safe this weekend by making smart decisions and following the rules, so the holiday ends with great memories — not tragedy."

For traffic updates and more safety tips, follow ALEA on social media @ ALEAProtects. Together, we can make this Labor Day weekend one to celebrate safely and responsibly.

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It is often said grief is a journey. For many individuals, that journey leads through five distinct stages of emotional expression. These stages of grief are not etched into stone, and all individuals will experience them differently. Contrary to popular belief, these five stages do not necessarily occur in any specific order and you can move backward and forward between the stages over and over. However, the stages do describe the basic journey many mourners take, across cultures and walks of life.

The first stage of grief is denial. When you learn a close loved one has died, you may try to make yourself believe it isn't real ... it isn't happening. This is a defense mechanism, and it's meant to help you weather the immediate shock of losing someone.

Once the initial wave of denial wanes, the next stage is anger. In this stage, you may find yourself feeling outraged toward the deceased, irrational though that may be. Or, you may be angry at yourself or even at God.

The third stage is bargaining, which is typically characterized by "if only" sentiments. For example, you might think things like "if only we had sought care sooner," or "if only I could have been there for him." This phase is often accompanied by guilt; you make yourself think maybe there's something you could have done to prevent this loss from happening.

The fourth stage is depression, which can impact different people to varying degrees. Depression can ultimately help prepare you to say final goodbyes to the person you've lost.

Finally, there is acceptance. You can still feel sad during the acceptance stage, but you're able to accept what's happened more objectively and start thinking about healthy ways to grieve and to move on with your life.

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IN RE: THE MATTER OF Alice Marie Ivey, An incapacitated person. CASE NO. PC 2019-059

NOTICE

On the 15th day of July, 2025, came the Conservator, Laura Ivey Wood, and filed a sworn Petition for Final Settlement of the Estate of Alice Marie Ivey. This Honorable Court has appointed the 9th day of September, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., at the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba, Alabama as the day for the hearing on review of the accounting and final settlement of this said Estate at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper. **DONE THIS 7TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.** /s/ Jodee R. Thompson
HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
8/14,21&28-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE-RESA CAROL LOLLEY, DECEASED, JACKIE LOLLEY, PETITIONER. CASE NO.: PR-2025-137

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration upon the Estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of August, 2025, by Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jack Lolley
Jackie Lolley, Administrator

Jeffery D. Hatcher
Attorney for the Estate of Theresa Carol Lolley
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8/14,21&28-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF, JONATHAN DREW GOODSON, DECEASED. CASE NO. PR-2025-139

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Jonathan Drew Goodson having been granted to James Louis Goodson, Personal Representative, on the 11th day of August, 2025, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done and Ordered on August 11, 2025. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge Jodee Thompson
8/14,21&28-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAULINE SUMMERS, DECEASED. CASE NO. PR-2025-162

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Tina Denise Summers Austin, a Personal Representative of the Estate of Pauline Summers, deceased, on the

13th day of August, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/Jodee R Thompson
Judge of Probate
8/21,28 & 9/4 - pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FRANKIE DONALDSON FARRIS, Deceased. CASE NO: PC-2025-060

NOTICE TO CREDITORS TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted the 14th day of August, 2025, to Jan Oglesby Wicker and William Jason Farris, Co-Executrix and Co-Executor of the Estate of Frankie Donaldson Farris, deceased, who departed this life on the 6th day of July, 2025, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jan Oglesby Wicker
Jan Oglesby Wicker, Co-Executrix
/s/ William Jason Farris
William Jason Farris, Co-executor
8/21, 28 & 9/4 - pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN WARREN WALL, Deceased. CASE NO. PR-2025-164

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of John Warren Wall, deceased, having been granted to Pamela Cox Wall, Personal Representative, on the 18th day of August, 2025, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney
300 E. Lee Street
Enterprise, AL 36330
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8/21, 28 & 9/4-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF EDGAR S. PRESCOTT, Deceased. CASE NO: PC-2025-061

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 19th day of August 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 19th day of August 2025. /s/ Janice W. Prescott
Personal Representative
/s/ Matt Brunson
Attorney for Personal Representative
8/21, 28 & 9/4-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SALLIE FAYE DAVIS COLBURN DECEASED CASE NO. PR-2025-163

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to DAVID MATTHEW DAVIS. Personal Representative, on the 18th day of August, 2025, by Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/Jodee R. Thompson
HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON
PROBATE JUDGE
COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
8/21, 28 & 9/4-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHARLES C. DONALDSON, Deceased. CASE NO.: PC-2024-029

NOTICE

Isaiah Terrell Donaldson, Administrator for the Estate of Charles C. Donaldson, deceased, filed his sworn petition and accounting in this Court seeking a final settlement of his duties and handling of the Estate of Charles C. Donaldson, deceased. **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that all persons having an interest in said Final Settlement of the Estate shall appear in the Coffee County Probate Office, Elba Division, on the 4th day of September, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., said date and time being set for hearing the Final Settlement of the Estate. Done this the 19th day of August, 2025. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
8/21, 28 & 9/4-pd

NOTICE
An online sale will be held at www.storage-treasures.com for Back Forty Storage LLC Enterprise, Alabama on or after 12:00pm September 1, 2025. Personal property of the following units will be sold for cash to satisfy owner's lien for due in accordance with AL Code § 8-15-46.

UNIT A7 - Aaron Bradley
8/28-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of CONNIE GENE HUDSON, Deceased. Case No.: PR-2025-160

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Connie Jean Molles a/k/a Connie Jean (Hudson) Nunez, Personal Representatives, on the 20th day of August, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done this the 20th day of August, 2025. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
8/28, 9/4 & 11-pd

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LEGAL NOTICES:

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF RUBIN MCKINNON, deceased. CASE NO: PR-2025-101

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letter of administration of said deceased having been granted to Roshanda Amy McKinnon on the 20th day of August 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all person having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 20th day of August 2025. Roshanda Amy McKinnon
Personal Representative
Matt Brunson
Attorney for the Petitioner
8/28, 9/4 & 11-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Rhett Alan Dean, Deceased Case No. 25-120

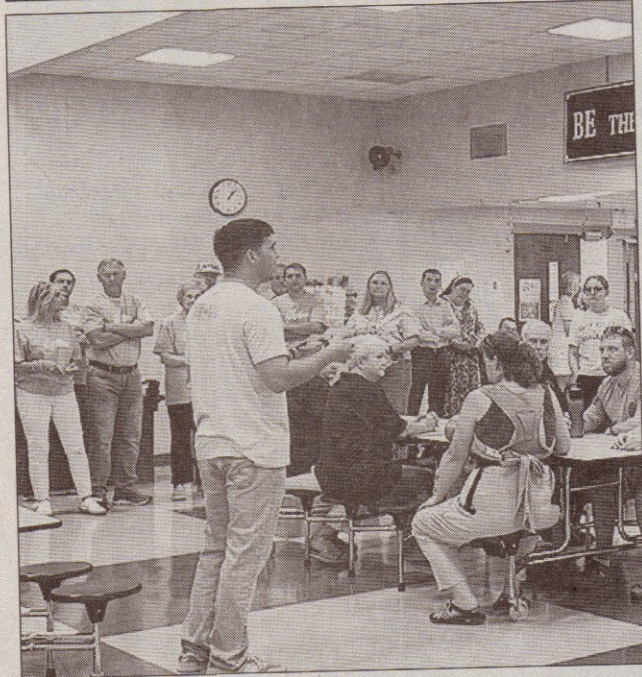
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Lisa Dean Parker, Personal Representative, on the 18th day of August, 2025 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred. /s/ Toby L Seay
Judge of Probate
Alfred J. Danner
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8/28,9/4&11-pd.

CHURCH NEWS



Over 100 people came Sunday, Aug. 24, to Elba City Schools to participate in the annual Prayer Walk for Schools hosted by the Coffee County Baptist Association's Women on Missions. The photo above shows the group that gathered at EES at 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon



Rev. Kit Johnson of Elba First Baptist Church is shown speaking to those gathered Sunday, Aug. 24, at Elba Elementary School for the Prayer Walk for Schools. Before everyone split up into small groups to pray across the elementary and high schools, Johnson opened the event in a group prayer. Among the school officials in attendance Sunday was EES principal Kenya Martin.

New Friendship Baptist Church to hold Homecoming and Revival services

New Friendship Baptist Church will hold Homecoming and Revival Services Sunday, Sept. 7, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The Homecoming speaker will be Rev. Don Thomas, pastor of First Baptist, Red Level. Revival speaker will be Rev. Stanley Stallworth, pastor of Mt. Chapel Baptist Church. Dinner will be served.

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Scripture: Philippians 2:3
KJV

Thinking of you! Praying for you

Marcus Fitch, Doris Hooks Fleming, Alice Musgrove, Willie Berry, Johnnie McBride, Harold Williams, Michael Manning, Betty Moore, Gene Culver

ered, God invented. It is He who enhances our existence with His wise and gracious gifts of natural law. It is He who maintains order and sustains life in His creation. It is He who has made us, and He who gives "Life to the full." R.W.B.

Question and Answer Section

Q/A for the week of 8/28/2025

Multiple choice

Q) His own son mounted an insurrection against him, chasing him into the desert. (The son of David)(the son of Caleb)(The son of Amos)
A) The son of Davis - 2 Samuel 15:23

Q) He created a spiritual desert for himself by rebelling against God and committing adultery. (King Saul)(King Herod)(King David)
A) King David - Psalm 51:11,12

Thoughts to Remember

Above all, remember that Christ is above all. The battle belongs to the Lord, but you must fight it.

Questions for the week of 9/4/2025

Multiple choice

Q) According to Jesus, what was the reason the woman poured ointment on his head? (to anoint him as King)(to prepare for His burial)(to comfort him)
Q) Who questioned Jesus and asked Him "Art thou the King of the Jews?" (Caiaphas)(Pilate)(Herod)
Q) What occurred when the angel rolled back the stone from the door of Jesus tomb? (A thunderstorm)(total darkness)(A great earthquake)

Today is a good day! Be grateful

Eria's Daughter, Sue

What does the Bible say about... Prayer?

Article written by Douglas Williams



"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive" (Matthew 21:22).

"Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples'" (Luke 11:1).

"Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1).

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6).

"Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18).

The above verses, and others that could be cited, tell us of the value and power of our prayers to God. We have examples of prayer and the answers to prayer in both the Old and New Testaments. Jesus spent much time in prayer, and taught us how to pray as we read in Matthew 6:5-13 and Luke 11:1-4. This teaching of Jesus is often referred to as the "Lord's prayer," but we read of Jesus praying often, and have examples of his prayers in John 17 and in the garden of Gethsemane

(Matthew 26:36-46).

Also, we note that at the time of this teaching, the kingdom, or church, was to be established later, and Jesus taught his disciples to pray for the kingdom to come. Now that the kingdom or church of Christ has come and been in existence on the earth since the day of Pentecost, as we read in Acts 2, we can pray for the numerical and spiritual growth of the church, for its members, etc., but not for the kingdom to come.

What is prayer? Prayer is the offering to God of praise and adoration, thanksgiving, confession, supplication, entreating, or making earnest request, etc. Prayer is how we can talk to God, as our reading of the Bible is God talking to us.

With these thoughts in mind, and the wonderful privilege we have of prayer, how thankful we should be, and often avail ourselves of this great opportunity. The Bible teaches that we are to pray regularly. To be thankful means we should feel a deep sense of gratitude to God for the manifold blessings He so generously gives to us (James 1:17).

We pray publicly as we assemble for worship (Acts 2:42), but remember the great blessing of private prayer as Jesus teaches in Matthew 6:5-13.

Church Directory

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.	CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Noon Worship . . . 12 noon Morn. Service . . . 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon. . . 7:00 p.m. Wed Bible Class . . 7:00 p.m. Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.
NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Loreal Flowers, Minister Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays	THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba Max Reed, Minister Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.
OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Julian Mitchell, Pastor 1st, 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.	TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH James Preachers, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.
OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lee Jones, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.	VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.
PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.	VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.
PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON Terry McCrummen, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.	VICTORY TABERNACLE Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m.
PRATHE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER Roy L. Turner, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.	WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.
ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays	WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Lucas Taylor, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.
ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH Kerry Saxon, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m.	WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Dustin Wisecarver, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
SHADY GROVE AME James Boots, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.	WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:00 p.m.
SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Leon Fortune, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 4:30 p.m.	WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.
TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.	ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH Rockey Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.	ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala. Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.
ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.	BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.
BETHEL AME CHURCH Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.	BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class . . 6:30 p.m.
BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.	BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.
BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.	CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Remonia Smith, Pastor Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays
CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night 7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 6:30 p.m.
ELBA CHURCH OF GOD David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m. Thur. Night 7:00 p.m.
ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.	ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Billy Jones, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.
ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Kit Johnson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.	ELBA METHODIST CHURCH Nathan Elliott, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.
ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.	EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.
FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.	FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adecock, Pastor Sunday Morning . . 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 7:00 p.m.	FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.
FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening . . 5:00 p.m.	GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Overseers - Billy Berry Sat. Service 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service 10:00 a.m. Even. Service 4:00 p.m.
GRACE FELLOWSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Service . . 7:00 p.m.	GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Edgar C. Peter, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.
HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service 6:00 p.m.	HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m.
HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.	HOLY TEMPLE COGIC Glenwood, AL Sunday Prayer . . . 9:30 a.m. Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Worship Service . . 11:00 a.m.
INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.	INO BAPTIST CHURCH Danny Branch, Pastor Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
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Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Both our daughters and two grandsons made an impromptu trip to the beach on Saturday, and while they all had a fun time on the boat and on a trip to Shell Island, this 'ole granddaddy was more than content to sit this trip out and just try and relax after a busy week. I'll admit I have begun to think ahead to maybe taking a trip for Thanksgiving, but until then I have plans to just stay at home and continue getting more and more practice being lazy.

For what it is worth....

*** *There are a couple of old sayings in sports* that 'one game doesn't make a season' and that 'a team's greatest improvement comes from its first week of the season to the second week of the season,' and all Elba fans are certainly hoping both adages hold true after last week's historic 56-0 season opening loss to Luverne. While I am as ready as anybody to flush the loss and move on, I would be remiss not to note that the 56-point loss was the most lopsided defeat since a 61-0 loss to Andalusia fifty-two years ago, and the 56-point loss was also the biggest home field loss since way back in 1929 in a 56-0 loss to Pike County.

While Luverne was obviously the better team last week, Elba certainly helped its opponent roll to the big win as the Tigers lost a fumble on the first play of the game at their own 26-yardline, fumbled a punt attempt and then lost their second fumble of the night at the Elba 32-yardline and 38-yardline to set-up a pair of first half touchdowns, fumbled another punt attempt to hand the ball over at their own 2-yardline, and fittingly fumbled on the final play of game. On Elba's 41 snaps in the game, 14 went for negative yardage, including negative 59 yards on five fumbles, as the offense simply never found any kind of rhythm as it crossed midfield only four times and never got deeper than the Luverne 32-yardline. Despite the red flags, the offense did prove it could run the football at times and also showed it had the ability to throw the ball. The Tiger defense allowed 352 yards of offense to Luverne and at times was simply outmanned at the line of scrimmage, but did fight until the end and came up with two turnovers.

There is another old adage that a team is never as good as people think when it wins and never as bad as people think when it loses. I'll pick that one after week one of the high school football season!

*** *It was a fun week for the folks* from New Brockton and Zion Chapel as the Gamecocks and Rebels both posted impressive wins to kick off their seasons.

** *New Brockton used big plays* and a hard-hitting defense to dominate Pike Liberal Arts 24-7. The Gamecocks proved they could strike from anywhere on the field on offense and were head-hunters on defense as they opened up a 24-0 lead and easily held on for the first win under new head coach Reggie Melton. I know it was only game one, but keep an eye on this bunch.

** *Zion Chapel proved it is only reloading* and not rebuilding as the Rebels rolled to a solid 28-0 road win over Kinston. The Rebels were effective on offense on the wet night and showed it had a balanced attack, while over on defense they were in command throughout the game as they tossed a shut-out for win number one.

** *Kinston was disappointed in its 28-0 season* opening loss, but watched the youthful Bulldogs grown up as the game went along and saw a young team filled with players that battled for all four quarters. This team survived its first fight without getting knocked out and will only get better and better. Just watch!

*** *The opening week of the high school football* season is almost always filled with surprises and that

was the case again last week in all seven classifications. (7A) Hoover was no match for national power IMG and dropped a 34-13 decision, while closet to home Enterprise struggled a little more than expected in a 31-10 win over 5A Andalusia, and Dothan lit up the scoreboard in a 42-17 win over Chiles. (6A) Defending champ Parker rolled over Ramsay 41-13 and Pike Road picked up a big 21-14 win over 7A Prattville, while close to home Rehobeth took it on the chin to 4A Ashford 32-15. (5A) Montgomery Catholic proved it was still a team to be reckoned with despite losing a number of starters that transferred out with a 32-6 win over St. James, while closer to home Charles Henderson lost under its new head coach 51-27 to Chelsea and Carroll, of Ozark, was pounded at home by Russell County 42-13. (4A) Jackson was without its top player in a 17-6 loss to 6A Saraland and St. Michael's proved it was a team to beat with a 41-10 over Bayside, while closer to home Straughn spanked 2A Highland Home 40-12 for a really big opening week win. (3A) Top-ranked Mars Hill clubbed 4A Madison Academy 51-27, while closer to home Houston Academy had to fight for all four quarters to get by 2A G.W. Long 35-26. (2A) Defending state champ Reeltown got whipped by T.R. Miller 35-21 in Ronnie Cottrell's debut down at Murder Creek, while closer to home Geneva County had a surprisingly tough time in a 20-12 win over 1A Pleasant Home and Providence Christian had a fight on its hands in a 20-14 win over Wicksburg. (1A) Perennial power Leroy made a statement with a 52-34 win over 3A Thomasville and Maplesville opened a lot of eyes with a 35-6 rout of 3A Fyffe, while closer to home Georgiana was outmanned by 5A Greenville in a 34-6 loss. Two games that won't, but should get a lot of ink involved two of the state's perennial also-rans, as J.F. Shields snapped its 32-game losing streak with a 24-12 win over Wilcox Central and Monroe County, which had posted a 5-35 record the last five years, outscored Florala 48-20. As Coach Wood would often say, 'I bet they had a goat roping after that one.'

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* texted in his picks this weekend after an unusual 11-9 opening week, but did call before I headed to the 'Clipper' office to make sure they came made it to my phone and admitted it was one of his roughest weeks in a long time. The local guesspert didn't promise a better week ahead, but did seem confident that week two will be a bounce back week for he and his fearless forecast.

ELBA VS. GLENWOOD

The Pea River felines got bogged down in the mud last Friday night after a late afternoon monsoon and sent their fans home shaking their heads. This week they will go from the mud to the swamp hunting gators, and while they should be easy to find, they won't be anywhere as easy to catch. Hoping to avoid the chomp!

GLENWOOD 28 ELBA 13

KINSTON VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The bulldogs from down near the county line were sent home without supper last Friday night after being shut out by a band of rebels from across the county and will be

hungry for a win and a victory dinner this week when they host a litter of pups from over in Hartford. While a win is certainly a possibility, the defense will have to stand tall and stop the run to have a chance. Not this week.

GENEVA COUNTY 28 KINSTON 18

ZION CHAPEL VS. ELLWOOD CHRISTIAN

The troops from up at Fort Jack held a dance over the weekend after a successful hunting trip near the county line, and this week have a bird shoot planned in honor of a flock of birds from across the state that will no doubt need a rest after a long flight. The visitors should get to rest in this one and just watch the troops run up and down the field.

ZION CHAPEL 41 ELLWOOD CHRISTIAN 0

NEW BROCKTON VS. SLOCOMB

The roosters from over near the bypass could be heard crowing all weekend long after a big season opening win, but will need to come back down and leave the coop for a few days of hard work if they hope to make it two wins-in-a-row. This one looks like a toss-up to me, and the roosters had better be ready or they could lose a few feathers.

NEW BROCKTON 26 SLOCOMB 22

BRANTLEY VS. LUVERNE

The bulldogs from up across the river will tee it up this week to open the season and will have to be prepared for a litter of kitties from across the creek that are leaving their scratch marks everywhere they have been. This one should be a true cross-county clash, and the guess here is the kitties swill slip out with a win.

LUVERNE 20 BRANTLEY 12

OTHER PICKS:

Cottonwood 27 Ashford 18
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Dothan 41 Monroe 17
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Providence Christian 24 Arnold 14

Tigers on the road to challenge 3A Gators

Two teams hungry for a win after dropping their season openers a week ago will tangle Friday night in Lee County when the Elba Tigers hit the road for a non-region clash with the Glenwood Gators.

Elba, a state semifinalist last season in Class 1A, lost to 2A Luverne 56-0 last week at home in its most lopsided loss in fifty-two years, while Glenwood, which posted an undefeated regular season a year ago in its initial year in the AHSAA, dropped its opener to 5A Valley 20-14.

"Glenwood is a big, physical football team that is loaded with athletes and is very well coached," stated Elba Tiger head coach Jon Cooper. "It lost last week to another very talented team, but battled back after falling behind early, and there is no doubt it has worked hard this week to improve and get a win. We expect Glenwood to be ready to play this week and be determined to pick up a win at home."

"For us to have a chance at pulling off an upset

we will have to shorten the game, not make any turnovers and improve in almost every aspect from a week ago," added Cooper. "We will need to slow the game down, move the chains and not make mistakes. Glenwood has a large roster and may not have anybody that starts on offense and defense. That will help make them fresh late in the game, and it showed last week when they rallied and almost pulled off the comeback win. It is just as good, if not better than a year ago."

"On offense they have a really good quarterback that runs the run-pass option offense just like it was drawn up," said Cooper, "and he has some good backs to pitch to and several talented receivers. It all starts up front, and Glenwood is very big and physical in the offensive line and at tight-end. Over on defense is big and strong at the point of attack, has two linebackers that are physical and run to the ball, and a couple of defensive backs that are comfortable

defending the pass and coming up in run support. There are no weaknesses on the team that we have found and will just have to ready to play our best for forty-eight minutes."

When asked about last week's 56-0 season opening loss to Luverne, Coach Cooper said, "It was a game in which we made enough mistakes to lose several games, not just one, and it happened against one of the top teams on our schedule. We didn't block or tackle well enough to win, and turned the ball over on fumbles and mistakes in the kicking game that just snowballed. We ran the ball okay when we blocked and clogged up the middle a couple of times on defense and made a couple of stops. However, we certainly didn't play well enough to even have a chance to win the game, and the time is now to clean things up and keep working."

"This week we have spent a lot of time re-evaluating out team as a whole and trying to find out

if each player understands what we are asking them to do," added Cooper. "We have to make sure we have the right players in the right positions, do a better job coaching, and correct mistakes that were so obvious on film. I know sometimes it can be hard to find anything positive after a big loss, but I believe the players never quit battling and played hard until the final horn. None of the players were looking to pass the blame, and the team leadership was good and responded to the challenge ahead. We have to play well, no matter the opponent, and that starts with going back to square one, making sure everyone is in the right position, and cleaning things up. It was a tough week and everyone in the program was embarrassed, but we still have nine games left and most of our goals are still ahead of us. It's just time to roll up our sleeves and keep working hard like we have all summer."

Kickoff will be at 7:00 pm, CDT.

Elba JV Tigers open season on the road against Straughn

The Elba JV Tigers opened the 2025 football season on the road at Straughn.

The two teams went toe-to-toe the first half with the only score coming from the Elba JV Tigers just before halftime. Elba scored a touchdown and converted a two-point conversion to go into the half leading 8-0.

Shortly after the second half began Straughn got on the board with a defensive pick six touchdown. The two-point conversion was no good, which kept Elba on top 8-6.

Straughn managed to get a go ahead touchdown late in the fourth quarter. Again, unable to convert the two point try, the score was 12-8 Straughn with just under 40 seconds left in the game.

The Elba JV Tigers almost pulled off a last play of the game thriller when Dylan Holley caught a deep pass; however, the Straughn defenders managed to catch Holley and bring him down as time expired.

Following the game, Coach Jon Cooper told his players he was proud of the way they competed all four quarters.

Elba JV will host Brantley at home Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 6 p.m.

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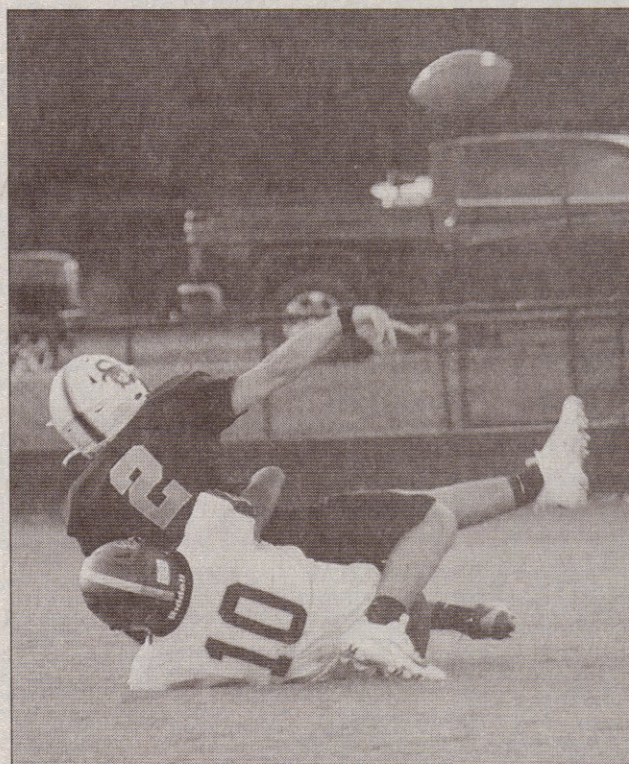
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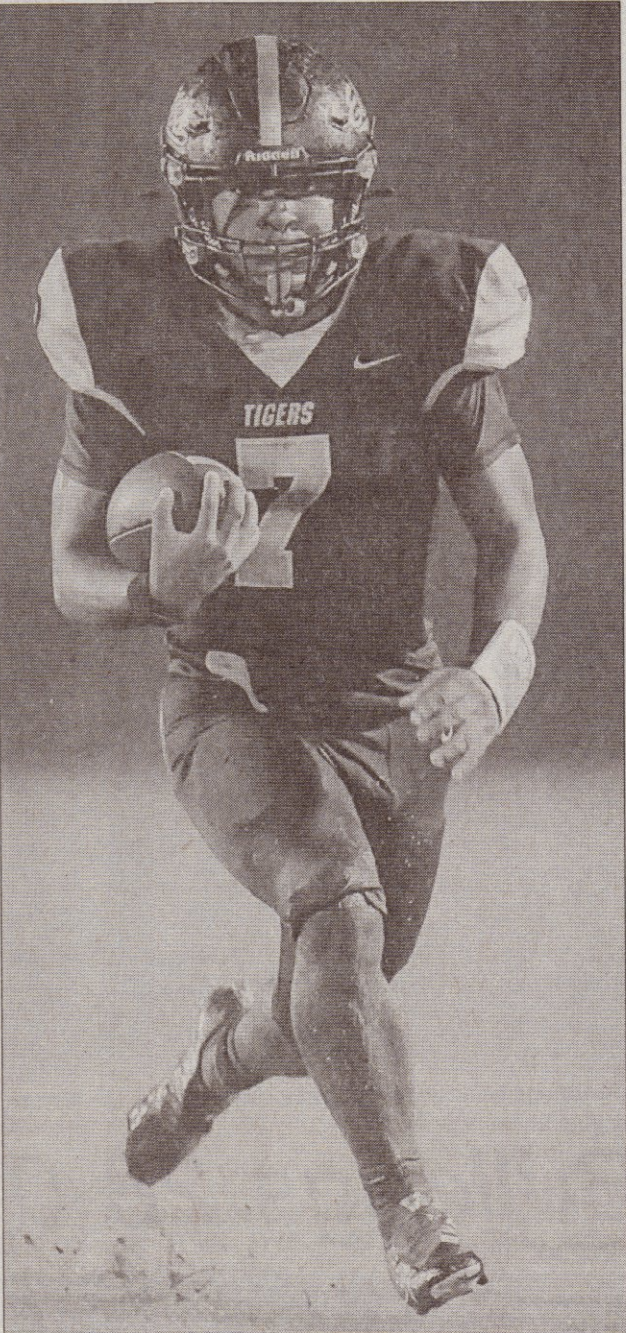
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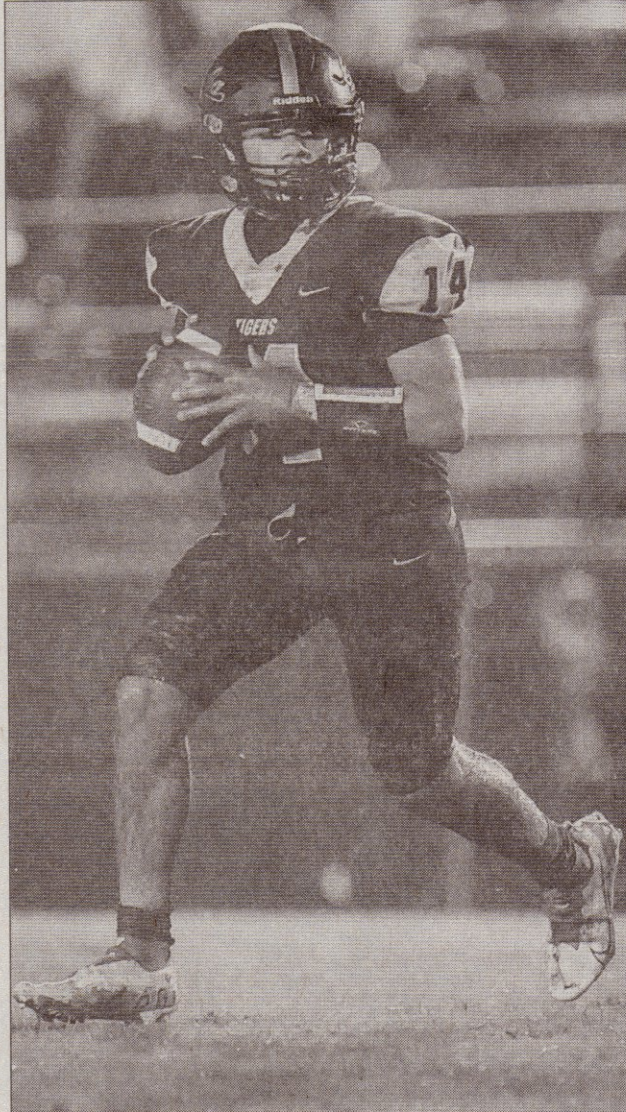


Elba's #10 for the JV team brings down the Straughn quarterback for a big loss Monday night's opening season game for the JV Tigers. (photo by Linda Hodge, Publisher)

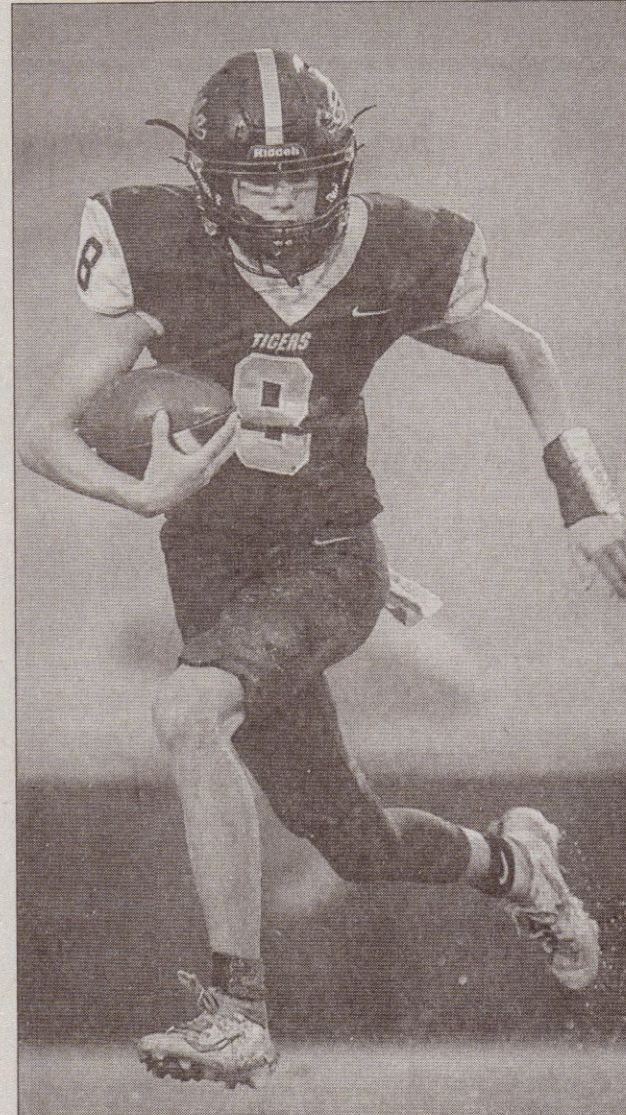
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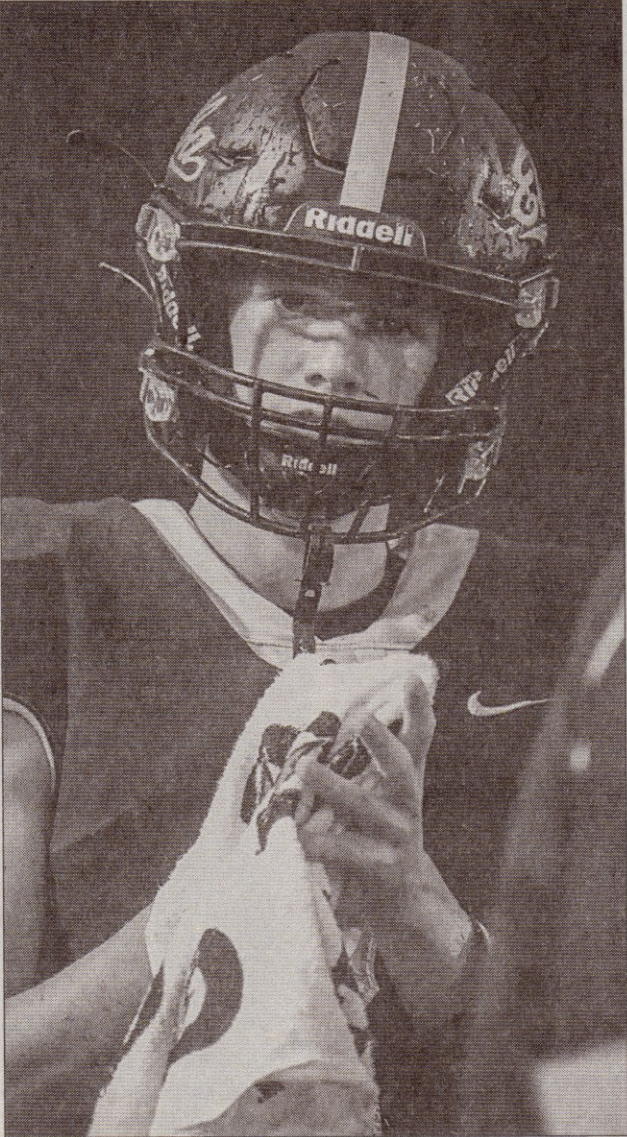
Elba Tiger Cassidy Carpenter (7) rushed for 34 yards on six carries in last week's 56-0 season opening loss to Luverne.



Elba Tiger Jayden Baker (14) rolls out looking for a receiver in last week's 56-0 season opening home field loss to Luverne.



Elba Tiger Easton McKelvy (8) had 10 carries and threw 11 passes in last week's season opener at Tiger Stadium.



Elba Tiger Easton McKelvy (8) tries to dry off as he listens to instructions during a time out in last week's season opener against Luverne.



Elba Tiger head coach Jon Cooper zips up as the rain pours down in last week's season opening football game at Tiger Stadium.

OUCH!
Tigers caged 56-0

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Colby Capps and Linda Hodge

The Elba Tigers hosted the Luverne Tigers Friday night in their season opener on rain-soaked Mack Wood Field and saw very little go right in a humbling 56-0 home field defeat.

Elba did provide some excitement early in the game when Easton McKelvy completed a 22-yard pass for a first down and Cassidy Carpenter broke loose on an 18-yard scamper. However, the Tigers handed the ball over to Luverne at their own 32-yardline and 38-yardline in the first half after fumbles to set up short fields that Luverne turned into touchdowns as it carried a 30-0 lead in at intermission.

A low snap on a punt attempt midway through the third quarter resulted in a two-yard scoring run that upped Luverne's lead to 42-0, and while Elba managed only one-yard in total offense in the second half, Luverne added two scores in the final stanza to light up the scoreboard and hand the Tigers the 56-0 loss.

Cassidy Carpenter rushed for 34 yards on six carries and Jayden Baker added 20 yards on three carries to lead Elba on the ground, while Easton McKelvy completed 5 of 11 passes for 43 yards, with Skylar Mitchell pulling in one pass for 24 yards and Tyceson Davis having one catch for 22 yards.

Tyceson Davis and Anthony Mincey both had fumble recoveries to lead the Tiger defense.

Kane Smith rushed for 109 yards and 3 touchdowns on 15 carries and completed 3 of 4 passes for 65 yards and 2 td's to spark the Luverne offensive attack, while Jadaveon McCreary rushed for 57 yards and one td on five carries and completed his only pass attempt for 71 yards and one touchdown.

Elba will travel this week in a clash with 3A Glenwood, while Luverne will battle Brantley, in Brantley.



Elba Tiger Zarakiah Hill (72) gets a well deserved break in the action in last week's season opener against Luverne.



Despite the dreary night for Elba, this Marching Tiger band member was still all smiles cheering for the Tigers.

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Zion Chapel Rebel Joeb Bradley (0) finds his path on the sidelines blocked by a Kinston Bulldog defender in the Rebels 28-0 win last week.



Kinston Bulldog coach Tyler Simmons shouts encouragement to a Bulldog tackler as the Kinston defense makes a big play on the sidelines.

Rebels blank Bulldogs 28-0

Statistics by W.J. Adcock
Photos by Zion Chapel
Rebel News and Rena
Simmons

The Zion Chapel Rebels marched into Kinston's Bulldog Stadium Friday night to open the high school football season and marched back out after posting an impressive 28-0 shutout win over the Kinston Bulldogs, in a clash of cross-county rivals.

Zion Chapel received the game's opening kickoff and marched 90 yards in 15 plays in a drive that ate up almost ten minutes off the clock and resulted in the first points of the game. John Foster Hamm rushed for 26 yards on six carries and completed a pass for 10 yards to Dylan Davis to lead the Rebels down the field, and it was Davis that scored the Rebel touchdown on a 2-yard run. Hamm kicked the extra-point, and with 2:30 left in the first quarter Zion Chapel owned a 7-0 lead.

Zion Chapel began its next offensive possession at its own 43-yardline following a Kinston punt and this time went 57 yards in eight running plays to extend its early advantage. Brayden Benbow was the workhorse of the scoring march as he rushed for 42 yards on five carries and capped the drive with a 15-yard scoring scamper. Hamm added the extra-point, and with 6:36 left in the second quarter the Rebels were on top 14-0.

Kinston's offense showed signs of life in its final two series of the half and reached the Zion Chapel 42-yardline and 29-yardline. However, one drive ended with a fumble and the second ran out of time as Zion Chapel carried a 14-0 lead in at the half.

Zion Chapel recovered a Bulldog bobble at the Kinston 35-yardline early in the third quarter and cashed in the turnover to add to its lead. Brayden Benbow was again the battering ram for the Rebel offense as he gained 21 yards in six carries and scored his second touchdown of the



A MEETING OF THE NINES! Zion Chapel Rebel Jerimiah Stinson (9) makes a jarring tackle on Kinston Bulldog Judson Green (9) in last week's season opening 28-0 win in a meeting of cross-county rivals.

night on a 1-yard run. Hamm's extra-point was again true, and with 5:35 left in the third quarter the Rebels were in command with a 21-0 advantage.

Zion Chapel came up with a defensive stop at its own 29-yardline in the game's next series, and promptly drove 71 yards in 10 plays to end the night's scoring. John Foster Hamm rushed for 30 yards on five carries to lead the Rebels down the field, while Jerimiah Stinson capped the drive with a 4-yard run into the endzone. Hamm booted his fourth extra-point of the game, and with 8:25 still left on the clock the Rebels were ahead 28-0 and had locked down win number one.

Brayden Benbow rushed for 119 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries to lead the Rebel running attack, while John Foster Hamm rushed for 101 yards on 16 carries and completed two passes for 28 yards.

Jon Simmons led Kinston with 33 yards rushing on six carries and completed six passes for 40 yards, while Judson Green rushed for 25 yards on six carries.



Kinston Bulldog Tristan Kilpatrick (55) blocks the path of Zion Chapel Rebel Brayden Benbow (6) in last week's cross-county clash.



Kinston Bulldog Lucas Farris (8) stiff arms Zion Chapel Rebel defender Trent Elrod (7) as he looks to get outside in last week's season opener. for both county teams.



Zion Chapel cheerleaders were all smiles as they cheered the Rebels to a big 28-0 win over Kinston in last week's season opener.

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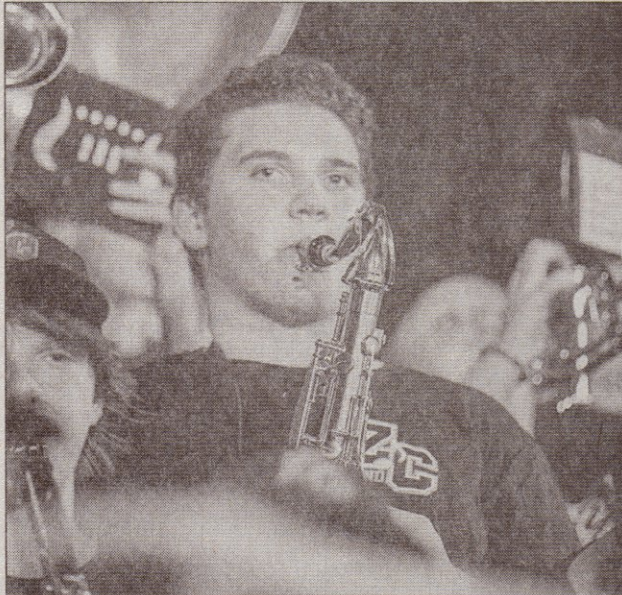
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Gamecocks pound Patriots 24-7

Statistics by Brandon White

The New Brockton Gamecocks combined a big play offense with an aggressive defense to post an impressive 24-7 win over the Pike Liberal Arts Patriots, Friday night in the season opener at Gamecock Stadium.

New Brockton was unable to find its way into the endzone on its first two offensive possessions, but struck quickly on its third series as Wesley Creel connected with Anthony Silar on 79-yard touchdown toss. A bad snap foiled the extra-point attempt; however, with 8-seconds left in the opening quarter the Gamecocks were on the scoreboard and owned a 6-0 lead.

New Brockton's offense came back to life midway through the second quarter and again struck quickly as Wesley Creel went back to the air and again hooked up with Anthony Silar, this time on a 56-yard scoring strike. A two-point attempt failed to produce points, but with 6:44 left in the second quarter New Brockton was on top 12-0.

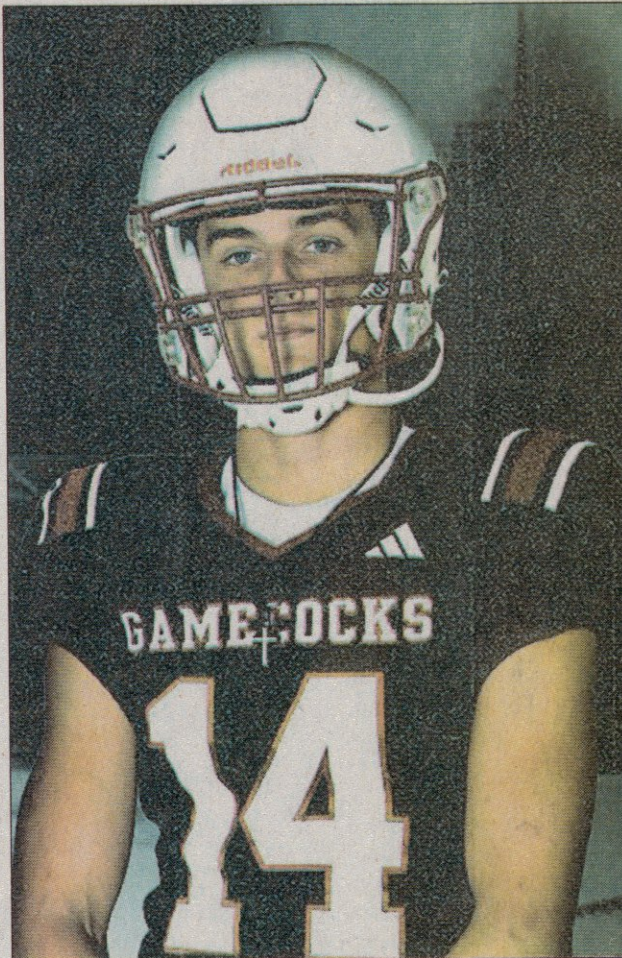
New Brockton upped its lead to 18-0 on its second possession of the third quarter when Anthony Silar broke loose and raced 55 yards for a Gamecock score. A two-point try failed to add points; however, with 5:30 remaining in the third quarter the Gamecocks lead had grown to 18-0.

New Brockton added its fourth score of the night on its ensuing possession, and this time it was Wesley Creel that showed off his speed as he turned up field and raced 71 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try was again unsuccessful, but with 3:21 left in the third quarter the Gamecocks were in command with a 24-0 advantage.

Pike Lib avoided a shutout on its final possession of the game as the Patriots marched 90 yards to get on the scoreboard. The touchdown came on a 17-yard pass from David Adams to Sawyer Powell with only 18-seconds left on the clock, and while Jackson Bowen kicked the extra-point, it was way too little, way too late, as New Brockton posted the 24-7 win.

Wesley Creel rushed for 60 yards and 1 touchdown on five carries and completed 6 of 13 passes for 213 yards and 2 td's to spark the New Brockton offense, while Anthony Silar pulled in 3 passes for 161 yards and 2 touchdowns and rushed for 63 yards and 1 td on three carries. Cayden Wallace caught three passes for 52 yards and Conner Leuci rushed for 30 yards on seven carries.

The Gamecock defense was led by Bryant Crumpler with six tackles, including four tackles for losses; Cordell Henderson with five tackles, including two tackles for losses; Bradyn Crumpler with four tackles, including three tackles for losses; Noah Moore with four tackles and one quarterback sack; and, Leonardo Reyes with three tackles, including one tackle for a loss.



New Brockton Gamecock Wesley Creel (14) rushed for 60 yards and 1 touchdowns and passed for 213 yards and 2 touchdowns last week in the Gamecocks 24-7 win over Pike Lib.



New Brockton fans of all ages ignored the rainy weather to lead the Gamecocks onto the field for last week's season opening win over Pike Lib.



New Brockton cheerleader was all smiles as the Gamecocks opened the season with a dominating 24-7 win over Pike Liberal Arts.

All four area teams at home in week two football action

The high school football season will continue this week and for the teams in the area all four will enjoy being at home the week prior to the beginning of region action.

Following is a preview of this week's match-ups:

Slocumb at New Brockton

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking for their second win of the young season Friday night when they host the Slocumb Red Tops. The Gamecocks defeated Pike Liberal Arts 24-7 last week in the coaching debut of Reggie Melton, while the Red Tops posted a 38-0 win over Houston County, in a jamboree. New Brockton has never defeated Slocumb in seven games.

Ellwood Christian at Zion Chapel

The Zion Chapel Rebels have their eyes set on an early-season two game winning streak as they prepare to host the Ellwood Christian Eagles. The Rebels blanked the Eagles 36-0 last season in the first-

ever meeting. Zion Chapel opened its season last week with a 28-0 win over Kinston, while Ellwood Christian, which has a 1-49 record in its last fifty game, lost its opener to LaFayette 51-6.

Geneva County at Kinston

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to hang a victory on their side of the ledger Friday night when they host the Geneva County Bulldogs. The Bulldogs, which are 2-14 all-time in the series, dropped their opener last week 28-0 to Zion Chapel, while Geneva County struggled in its season opener in a 20-14 win over Pleasant Home.

Luverne at Brantley

The Brantley Bulldogs will kick off their season Friday night at David Lowery Stadium with a cross-county clash with the Luverne Tigers. The Bulldogs have won three of the last four games in the series, while the Tigers are coming off a big 56-0 road win over Elba.

Kickoff at all games is set for 7:00 pm.

WEEKLY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 28

(Volleyball)

Pike County at Elba JV-V 1:00

Opp at Kinston JR-JV-V 3:30

Tri-Match, at Rehobeth

New Brockton JV at Rehobeth 4:00

New Brockton V at Rehobeth 4:00

New Brockton JV vs. Dothan 5:00

New Brockton V vs. Dothan 5:00

Goshen at Brantley JR-JV-V 4:00

Tuesday, September 2

(Volleyball)

Elba at Pleasant Home JV-V 4:00

Kinston at Andalusia JR-JV-V 4:00

New Brockton at Opp JR-JV-V 4:00

Zion Chapel at Goshen JR-JV-V 4:00

Brantley at McKenzie JV-V 3:30

(Football)

Brantley JV at Elba JV 6:00

Floralia JV at Kinston JV 6:00

Coppinville at New Brockton Middle 5:30

New Brockton JV at Rehobeth JV

Samson JV at Zion Chapel JV 6:00

Read all about it every week in THE ELBA CLIPPER



Kinston takes runner-up in 41st Annual Amelia Rhoades Set Off Tourney

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs claimed the runner up spot in their 41st Annual Amelia Rhoades Set Off Tournament held last weekend at Kinston School.

Following pool play, Kinston defeated Brantley in two sets [25-14, 25-18] to advance to the finals against Geneva. The Lady Dawgs fell in two sets in the finals [27-29, 18-25] to take the runner up spot for this year's tournament.

For the tournament, Kinston was led by Gracie Rhoades with 49 serves, 45 hits, and 68 passes. Emma Kate Marler had 60 hits and 57 passes, Lillie Sumblin accounted for 80 assists and 50 passes, Rylie Rhoades had 58 assists and 55 passes, Maggie Martin had 82 passes, Brynne Kelley had 35 serves, and Maddie Williamson had 34 serves, 30 hits, and 21 assists.

The team and coaches are pictured above with Amelia Rhoades following last weekend's tournament. Those pictured are

(from left): Coach Suzanne Lilli Sumblin, Lyla Bruce, Maddie Williamson, Elmore, Adalyn Wise, BellaLashley, Coach Amelia Ally Williamson, Maggie Rhoades, Rylie Rhoades, Emma Kate Martin, Brynne Kelley, and Rhoades, Chloe Phillips, Marler, Taylor McKinney, Coach Tiffany Johnson.

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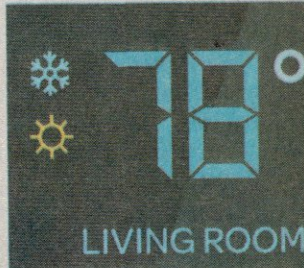
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COMMUNITY NEWS



Coffee County, Enterprise and New Brockton Queen Party held in June...

On June 22, the Coffee County, Enterprise and New Brockton Queens hosted Pearls, Petals and Peanuts. The event was held at The Barn on Fuller Hill in Kinston. The host queens welcomed current Miss and Little Miss title holders from the Wiregrass area. Each queen was invited to create her own bouquet with instruction from Marty Harrelson owner of Wildflowers Florist, located in Elba Ala. Wildflowers graciously donated the flowers for each bouquet. Other local businesses involved in the event were Derek Weeks Photography (photos used in article) and Candid Events 360.



The Pearls, Petals and Peanuts Party host queens are pictured here with Marty Harrelson, owner of Wildflowers Florist of Elba. The queens are (front, l to r) Little Miss New Brockton Grace Kitchens, Little Miss Enterprise Bella Litherland, and Little Miss Coffee County Rosemary Walters; (back, l to r) Miss New Brockton Reese Danford, Miss Enterprise Ella Katherine Gammill, and Miss Coffee County Taylor Day.

Let's Celebrate!

**Fred Moore's
100th Birthday Celebration**

Sunday, September 14, 2025
1:30 - 3:30 PM • Elba, Alabama
The Elba Theatre (On the Square)

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Dolencorp, LLC, dba Dollar General Store #25844, have made application of the City of Elba for a Retail Beer and a Retail Wine License off premises consumption at this location, 839 Troy Highway, Elba, AL. A public hearing will be held by the Elba City Council in the council chambers at Elba City Hall on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.

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LEGAL NOTICES:

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM D. SELLERS, Deceased. CASE NO. 25-107

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Linda M. Sellers on the 14th day of August, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/Linda M. Sellers
Linda M. Sellers, Administrator
Lee F. Knowles
Attorney for the Estate
P.O. Box 369
Geneva, AL 36340
8/21, 28 & 9/4-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSBE MORALES, Deceased. CASE NO. 25-114

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Cesar Lopez on the 18th day of August, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the Estate of Josbe Morales are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Cesar Lopez
Cesar Lopez, Administrator
Lee F. Knowles
Attorney for the Estate
P.O. Box 369
Geneva, AL 36340
8/21, 28 & 9/4-pd

PUBLICATION NOTICE IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ELBA DIVISION, ALABAMA

RE: In the Matter of the Adoption Petition of Jason Adam Taylor and Cindy

Caywood Taylor Case No.: PC-2025-29

TO: Darien Kimal Solomon and any potential, alleged, or unknown fathers, address unknown

Please take notice that a petition for adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Covington County, Alabama, and was subsequently transferred to the Probate Court of Coffee County, Elba Division, Alabama, by Jason Adam Taylor and Cindy Caywood Taylor on March 3, 2025, for the adoption of D.K.S., Jr., born November 18, 2017 in Birmingham, Alabama to Lacey Lynn Schmidt.

A hearing has been set in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Elba Division, Coffee County Courthouse, 230 Court St, Elba, AL 36323. Should you intend to contest this adoption you must file a written response with the attorney for the petitioner, Hon. Samuel McLure, P.O. Box 231538, Montgomery, AL 36123 and with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Elba Division, Alabama, as soon as possible but no later than thirty (30) days from the last day this notice is published. Failure to appear at this hearing or failure to file a written response within thirty (30) days from the last day this notice is published may be construed by the court as implied consent to the adoption and as a waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings.

If the adoption is approved, the parental rights of all fathers, if any, will be considered to be terminated.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS RETRO-FIT BASEBALL & SOFTBALL FIELD LIGHTING AT NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS NEW BROCKTON, ALABAMA MCKEE PROJECT NO: 25-205

Sealed proposals for this project shall be received by Mrs. Kelly Cobb, Superintendent at the Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road Elba, AL 36323, Ph: 334-897-5016, **until 2:00 PM Central Time, Tuesday, September 2, 2025**, then opened and read aloud. All General Contractors bidding on the project shall

be required to visit the site and examine all existing conditions prior to submitting their proposal and shall be arranged by the contractor with the principal at the school.

The projects shall be bid excluding taxes. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing for receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owners judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

A certified check or Bid Bond payable to the Coffee County Schools in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000.00 must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and statutory labor and material payment bonds will be required at the signing of the Contract.

All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect. All bidders shall show such evidence by clearly displaying their current license number on the outside of sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered.

PDFs of the project can be reviewed by going to the McKee website at www.mckeeassoc.com and selecting "Project Bid List". Also, if you are not receiving NOTIFICATIONS from us, please register on our website, "Project Bid List" by selecting manage your bid list profile. The documents may be viewed online and printed by General Contractors, Sub-Contractors and Suppliers. Documents published through this procedure are the only documents endorsed by the Architect. The Architect is unable to monitor, confirm and maintain other websites that provide documents. Addendums will be provided to entities that have CONFIRMED bidding for this particular project. The Architect retains ownership and copyrights of the documents. If bidders require

printed sets, please submit request to the Architect at mckeeplans@gmail.com. Include your first & last name, company name, address, phone number and the project name and number. Print sets are to be returned, in reusable condition, within ten days after bid opening.

All RFIs and RFAs regarding the bid documents shall be sent and addressed through emails found on the RFI and RFA forms in the project manual. **NOTE: ONLY THE RFI AND RFA FORMS IN THE PROJECT MANUAL WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

The Architect will not accept inquiries via telephone or fax.

Completion Time: See scope of work in Project Manual.

Supervision: Contractor to ensure proper supervision of all work.

Owner: Mrs. Kelly Cobb, Superintendent, Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road Elba, AL 36323, Phone: 334-897-5016

Architect: McKee and Associates Architects, Inc., 631 South Hull Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104, Phone: 334-834-9933
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION CASE NO.: CV-2025-900105.00

SAMUEL B. REDMON, Plaintiff VS.

Parcel ID: 17-01-02-0-000-010.000, THE SE ¼ OF SE 1/4, S02-T3N-R22E, COFFEE COUNTY, ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA, AND OTHERS WHO CLAIM INTEREST, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The parcel of land located at State Highway 167 and Highway 92 in Coffee County, Enterprise, Alabama, and anyone who claims an interest in the subject property known as Parcel ID: 17-01-02-0-000-010.000, whose present whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title of Plaintiff, Samuel B. Redmon, in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Enterprise Division, and other relief on or before October 18, 2025, or thereafter

a judgment by default may be rendered against the Defendants in Case No.: CV-2025-900105.00, Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Enterprise Division.
/s/ Amy L. Reeves
Circuit Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff
Jeffery D. Hatcher
P.O. Box 189
Geneva, AL 36340
(334) 684-8524
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of Audrey Evelyn Batchelor, Deceased. CASE NO.: PR-2025-148

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letter Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Wanda Marie Maddox, Personal Representative, on the 25th day of August, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Done this the 25th day of August, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
8/28, 9/4, 11-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF AMANDA ELIZABETH GROUT CASE NO. PR-2025-165

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR AD LITEM

Letter of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 20th day of August, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Hon. Terry G. Key
Administrator Ad Litem of the Estate of Amanda Elizabeth

Grout
c/o Carl E. Underwood, III, Esq.
Jacoby & Meyers Law Firm
300 N Foster Street
Dothan, Alabama 36303
8/28, 9/4, 11-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHNNIE D. OLIVER, Deceased. CASE NO. PC 2025-064

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of the said Deceased having been granted to Edna Mack on the 26th day of August, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Raley L. Wiggins
Capell & Howard, P.C.
P.O. Box 2069 (36102-2069)
150 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
8/28,9/4&11-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID TAYLOR YOUNG, DECEASED CAUSE NO. PR-2024-094

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

You will please take notice that on the 2nd day of July, 2025, a certain instrument in writing, titled Petition for Final Settlement, Distribution of Intestate Estate and Discharge of Administrator was filed by Marcia Young and Diane Narbon, the Administrators of the Estate of David Taylor Young and that the 6th day of October, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. was appointed the day for the hearing of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Enterprise Division, Alabama at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.

Done, this the 25th day of August, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
8/28,9/4&11-pd.